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## **Sen. Kuipers' plan to honor late President Reagan approved**

**LANSING** – The Michigan Senate today approved the proposal of Sen. Wayne Kuipers, R-Holland, to build a memorial monument for former President Ronald Reagan.

Kuipers' legislation would create a state commission to raise money for the monument.

“President Reagan will be remembered as one of the most important national leaders of the 20<sup>th</sup> century,” Kuipers said. “He led the United States during the last years of the Cold War, which ended thanks in part to his desire to confront the Soviet Union everywhere possible.”

The memorial monument commission would have as members the state treasurer, attorney general and secretary of state, or their designees, as well as seven members appointed by the governor. Two members each would be recommended by the Senate majority leader and speaker of the House. An additional member would be recommended by the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation.

The commission would oversee the design, location and construction of the monument. It would solicit plans for the monument and select a final design.

Kuipers' bill, Senate Bill 1317, now heads to the House of Representatives for consideration.

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